

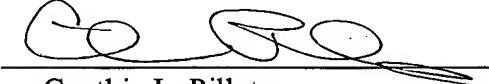
**REMARKS**

Applicants believe that the claims presented above are patentable and therefore earnestly request allowance of all pending claims.

The undersigned would welcome a telephone call at the telephone number listed below if such would advance prosecution of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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